Centre (LRC) in the Department of Bio-chemistry, University of Delhi.

(b) The drug liposomal amphotericin B has undergone successful limited Phase-I and Phase-II clinical trial of safety and efficacy in human beings and is presently undergoing Phase-Ill clinical trial of safety and efficacy in human being against visceral leishmaniasis (Kala-azar) at Patna Medical College, Patna and at Seth G.S. Medical College and KEM Hospital, Parel, Mumbai.

(c) the availability of the drug in the market will depend upon the evaluation of results of Phase-III clinical trial by Drugs Controller General (India) and Deparment of Bio-technology and the transfer of Technology for commercial manufactures of the formulation by NRDC

Blood-Banks without Licences

995, SHRI N. THALAVAT SUNDARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the Supreme Court's directive issued last year, no Blood Bank would be allowed to function without a licence after January, 1997;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any measure to enforce this directive;

(c) the number of Blood Banks in Tamil Nadu which have been issued licences, till date; and

(d) the number of Blood Banks without licences in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WEFLARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY), (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, an extension for cut off date for fonctioning of unlicensed Blood Banks was granted till 17-5-1997. State/UTs. have already taken measures j to enforce this directive.

(c) and (d) Central Licence Approving Authority received 145 application from Drugs Controller, Tamilnadu for approval. Out of these, 133 applications were approved, 7 applications rejected and 5 applications are under process.

Spread of Dengue

996. SHRI YERRA NARA-YANASWAMY. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether dengue has spread all over India;

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to alert the States;

(c) whether a conference has been called to discuss this problem with State Governments; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Government is aware of the outbreaks of Dengue Fever which have occurred in certain parts of the country at different periods.

(b) An Action Plan for prevention and control of Dengue and Guidelines for preparation of contingency Plan for tackling possible outbreaks of Dengue have been prepared and circulated to all the State Governments for undertaking the following measures:

—Intensification of surveillance activities; —vector control measures; —strengthening of hospital services for proper management of cases; — intensification of information, education and communication activities; —source reduction; — organisation of training programmes; and

-mass awareness campaign by the Ideal bodies; '

(c) The matter regarding prevention and control of Dengue has been discussed on different occasions with the State Govts. A meeting with the Health

Secretaries of all States/UTs to discuss the problem of Dengue was held on 24th October, 1996 under the Chairmanship of Union Health Secretary in New Delhi and subsequently in the Fifth Conference of Central Council for Health and Family Welfare held in New Delhi from 8—10 January, 1997 under the Chairmanship of former Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, this subject was also discussed with State Health Minister, senior officers of State Government and other experts. Apart from these, the Directorate of National Institute of Communicable Diseases organised two meetings in April, 1997 for the State Government officials of the Southern and Northern States in Bangalore and Delhi respectively to discuss various aspects of Dengue including surveillance and reporting of such cases.

(d) Does not arise.

Epileptic and Goitre Patients in the Country

997. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the total number of epileptic patients and those suffering from goitre in the country during the last three years, separately, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AMD FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): The year-wise number of patients suffering from epilepsy and goitre is not available. However, it is estimated that there are approximately 8 million epileptic patients in the country at present with the prevalence rate estimated to be 5—10 patients per thousand of population.

In repsect of goitre, a statement showing State/U.T. wise estimated number of persons suffering from Goitre is enclosed.

Statement

Estimated number of persons suffering from goitre in States/UTs.*

Sl. No.	State/UT	Estimated number of persons filtering from Goitre (Million)
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.168
2.	Assam	1.168
3.	Goa	0.275
4.	Himachal Pradesh	1.124
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	1.124
6.	Manipur	0.367
7.	Meghalaya	0.062
8.	Mizoram	0.338
9.	Nagaland	0.119
10.	Sikkim	0.117
11.	Tripura	0.348
12.	Chandigarh (UT)	0.111
13.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0.022
14.	Daman & Diu	0.009
15	Delhi	1.710
16.	Andhra Pradesh	6.210
17,	Bihar	8.807
18.	Gujarat	4.600
19,	Haryana-	0.574
20.	Karnataka	4.468
21.	Kerala	1.66
22.	Madhava Pradesh	8.67
23	Maharashtra	7.95
24.	Orissa	0.992
25.	Punjab	1.488
26.	Rajasthan	0.753
27.	Tamilnadu	0.815
28.	Uttar Pradesh	15.225
29.	West Bengal	2.070
30,	A&N Islands	
31.	Lakshadweep Survey	not conducted
32.	Pondicherry	
		70.653

*These estimates arc based on surveys conducted in 275 Districts.

Review of anti-AIDS scheme

998. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to review the anti-AIDS schemes to make a better job of preventing transmission of the dreaded disease;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;